

To: Commissioners Val Hoy and Alan Nevin
Re: Haystaq Community Plan errors in District 5 and 1
Cc: San Diego Redistricting Commissioners

Attachment: Del Mar Mesa/Torrey Highlands Community Plan map

We want to bring to your attention how the Haystaq analysis, which relies solely on census blocks, results in a gross misrepresentation of existing Community Planning Boundaries.

These mistakes have created complications to the redistricting plan process and creates unnecessary legislative burdens if used in the approved map. It has also caused a great deal of public confusion and introduced points of conflict between Communities of Interest who have traditionally worked together on environmental planning issues.

We ask that the Commissioners representing District 5 and 1 correct these errors and make the following minor changes in the map under consideration. Our request is based upon the use of existing Community Planning Boundaries, rather than census blocks that were created to make counting people easy but which do not respect established neighborhoods or communities of interest.

(See the attached map illustrating established Community Planning boundaries for Torrey Highlands/Rancho Penasquitos/Del Mar Mesa).

The existing Torrey Highlands Planning Area, in its entirety, should be part of District 5 which includes all of the Torrey Santa Fe residential development along with the Merge 56, Intuit, and Preserve at Torrey Highlands business/employment District developments. The Rancho Penasquitos Planning Area should also be part of District 5 in its entirety.

The entire Community Planning Areas of Del Mar Mesa and Torrey Hills should be made whole and remain in District 1. The Rancho Penasquitos Community Plan should be united in District 5.

Further, the western portion of Los Penasquitos Canyon currently in District 1 should remain providing a natural boundary between D1 and D6. The eastern portion should be in District 5.

However, because the Haystaq analysis, which relies on census blocks, has misrepresented City Council and Community Plan Areas, the map moving forward is wrong and will cause irreparable harm.

The San Diego City Charter Section 5.1 does not require that whole census blocks be the final arbiter but are to be used "to the extent it is practical to do so".

We request that the Commission honor the 2011 Redistricting Commission City Council Boundaries and the City Council and in some case Coastal Commission documented and approved community plan areas of Torrey Highlands, Del Mar Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos and Torrey Hills.

Respectfully,

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